

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A film viewer comprising:

a portable housing formed with a base and a viewing window for receiving films to be viewed, face;

a handle formed in the base of said housing for facilitating handling of said portable housing, said housing being configured so that said handle is concealed when said film viewer is resting on a flat surface.;

a film grip assembly mounted on said portable housing adjacent said viewing window for holding films, wherein said film grip assembly includes a top plate is pivotally connected to the housing in a cantilever configuration defining a film receiving slot, said film grip assembly further including a biasing spring for biasing said top plate toward said housing, said film grip assembly including an actuator in communication with said film receiving slot and responsive to films placed within the film grip assembly, said actuator having a first position when no film is in said film receiving slot and a second position when a film is in said film receiving slot;

a lamp disposed beneath said viewing window for illuminating said viewing window;

an electrical power source for providing electrical power to said lamp, ~~wherein said housing is configured as a clipboard forming a portable film viewer;~~ and

an automatic control circuit which includes a microswitch, said microswitch being responsive to said ~~and an~~ actuator, said ~~actuator~~ microswitch having a ~~normal~~ first position when there no films in the film grip assembly and a second position when a film

is disposed in said film grip assembly, ~~said actuator being disposed adjacent to the film grip assembly and configured to move from said normal position to said second position whenever a film is disposed in said film grip assembly causing said automatic control circuit causing said electrical power source to automatically turn on said electrical power source when said microswitch is in a first position , and returning to said normal position automatically turn off said electrical power source when said microswitch is in said second position~~ film is removed from said film grip assembly and causing said turning off said electrical power source, wherein said housing and said clipboard are configured as a clipboard .

Claim 2 (Original). The film viewer as recited in claim 1, wherein said electrical power source is DC.

Claim 3 (Original). The film viewer as recited in claim 1, wherein said electrical power source is AC.

Claim 4 (Canceled) The film viewer as recited in claim 1, further including an automatic control circuit for switching said source of electrical power on whenever a film is inserted into the film grip assembly and turning off said source of electrical power when said film is removed.

Claim 5 (Canceled) The film viewer as recited in claim 1, wherein said electronic sensor includes a microswitch

Claim 6 (Canceled) The film viewer as recited in claim 1, wherein said electronic sensor includes an optical sensor.

Claim 7 (Original). The film viewer as recited in claim 1, wherein said housing is a molded plastic housing.

Claim 8 (Canceled). The film viewer as recited in claim 1, wherein said film grip

assembly includes a top plate connected to the housing in a cantilever configuration defining a film receiving slot.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended). The film viewer as recited in claim 1 &, wherein said top plate includes one or more bosses and said film grip assembly includes one or more balls and one or more springs, said one or more balls received in said one or more bosses with said one or more springs and configured such that said one or more balls are biased toward said housing.

Claim 10 (Cancelled). The film viewer as recited in claim 1, wherein said housing is configured to rest on a flat surface.

Claim 11 (Cancelled). The film viewer as recited in claim 10, further including a knob for handling the device.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended). A film viewer comprising:

a housing formed with a base and a viewing window for receiving films to be viewed, said housing configured to rest on a flat surface;

a film grip assembly mounted on said housing adjacent said viewing window for holding films, said housing and said film grip assembly configured as a clipboard. ;

a lamp disposed beneath said viewing window for illuminating said viewing window;

an electrical power source for providing electrical power to said lamp, ~~wherein said housing is configured as a clipboard forming a portable viewer;~~

an automatic control circuit which includes an optical sensor for switching said source of electrical power on whenever a film is disposed on said viewing surface ~~inserted into the film grip assembly~~ and turning off said source of electrical power when said film is removed; and

a knob for handling said film viewer, wherein said knob is formed in said base of said housing being configured so that said knob is concealed when said film viewer is resting on a flat surface.